

Criteria for the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan - June 23, 2025

A prioritized list is required for MassDOT's Complete Streets Funding Program. **But projects can be implemented in any order.**

With input from residents, 198 locations of concern were identified. From these, potential projects that fit the criteria of the MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program are conceived. Many locations identified had overlapping concerns. Where the issues are complex, further study may be needed and may be beyond the scope of MassDOT's Complete Streets program and may need design and/or more public engagement.

Using community input (via public engagement), the following criteria were developed to assist in prioritizing potential projects. Each criterion is weighted equally. The criteria will be applied to each project. The resulting score is used to guide the prioritized list. Please note, project implementation is not determined solely by the list but other factors such as related projects, construction complexity, available staff and funding resources.

Project Goal	Criteria	Project is
Safety	Proximity to reported crashes	Within 500 feet of 2 or more crashes. (2022-2025 – MassDOT)
	On busy streets	On streets with traffic volumes higher than 3000 vehicles a day. Annual Average Daily Volume – (MassDOT)
	Proximity to K-12 schools	Within ½ mile of K-12 schools Within ¼ mile of K-12 schools
Connectivity to Destinations	Proximity to Commercial Areas: Wellsley Square, Linden Square, Wellesley Hills, Fells Block, and Lower Falls	Within ¼ mile of commercial areas, libraries, and trail heads and conservation recreation lands
	Proximity to Main, Hills, Fells Libraries	
	Proximity to Trail heads and recreation lands	
	Proximity to MBTA Commuter Rail Stations: Wellesley Square, Wellesley Hills, and Wellesley Farms	Within ½ mile of the MBTA Commuter Rail Stations
Network Connectivity	Addresses a critical gap in the trail/bicycle/pedestrian network* MassDOT- recommended criteria	Gap of less 1000 feet where the connection at both ends fills a gap within an existing network or destination.
	Geographic distribution of projects	Qualitative Consideration